

SESSION SIX VIDEO NOTES

Jesus: The Divine Word

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John 1:1–5

John 1:14

“The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us.” “The Word” is none other than Christ. The Word, who is Jesus Christ, is God who took on humanity. The infinite becomes finite. The eternal one enters time. The invisible one becomes visible.

The word, that’s the Greek term logos.

John comes along and says, “Let me introduce you to the fact that the logos is not an impersonal force; the logos is a person... a personal God who came into the world in the man Jesus.

The Word of the Lord was simply the revelation of God. You wouldn’t know anything about God if He didn’t speak.

As the Old Testament is the written Word and the revelation of God, the New Testament is the account of the incarnate Word in the person Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the incarnation of God. He is the exact representation of the nature of God. God speaks in Christ most clearly, most fully, and savingly.

He didn’t take on the appearance of humanity or some apparition of humanity or some illusion of humanity, He actually took on flesh and dwelt among us. Philippians 2, He was made in the likeness of men. He partook of flesh and blood, Hebrews 2:14 says.

For thirty-three years, the fullness of the Godhead dwelt in Him bodily, fully God and fully man. Not half God, half man, fully God and fully man. Colossians 2:9

There are three things that demonstrate the deity of Christ: His preexistence with God, His coexistence with God, and His self-existence with God.

Pre-existent

Genesis 1:1, “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” In that beginning, the Word was. What is the importance of that? The Word was already existing. That is to say, the Word, who is none other than the Son of God, Jesus Christ, was already in existence when God created everything that exists.

“My name is I AM that I AM. My name is the verb ‘to be.’ My name is Eternal Being.”

And this is where we come to understand that there is one God and yet there are three persons. And here we find two of them. He is God, the Word was God, but the Word was also with God.

Proverbs 8:27

We know from Genesis 1 that the Holy Spirit was there, brooding over the face of the waters and bringing shape into the creation. The whole Trinity is involved in this creative work.

Hebrews 1:2

Co-existent

theos ēn ho logos, literally in the Greek, God was the Word.

John 17:5 - Jesus was pros ton theon, on equal level with God

Colossians 2:9

Self-existent

If you're not created, then you've existed outside creation.

John 1:3-4

Here is the proof of His self-existence. Everything that exists came into being through Him.

1 Corinthians 8:6, "There is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him."

God is Creator.: Psalm 102, Isaiah 40, Isaiah 42, Isaiah 45, Genesis 1 and 2, Mark 13:19 , Romans 1:25, Hebrews 1.

John 1:4 "In Him was life."

That is such a profound statement. "In Him was life." And the word used is not bios, because we're not just talking about biological life, which is one form of life. But the word is zōē, which has to do with spiritual life, the life principle, the reality of life... in Him is biological life and spiritual life, by which He can create the physical world, which will die, and by which He creates eternal beings who will never die.

John 1:4 - "The life was the Light of men."

John 8:12 - "I'm the Light of the world."

John 1:9 - "The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness didn't comprehend it."

Romans 10

John 8:24